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Summer in the Santa Monica Mountains and Seashore 1986

Summer here in southern California is usually defined as beach season. The beaches in the Santa Monica Mountains offer a variety of experiences and activities. You can explore tidepools on a rocky beach, or meet the birds at a lagoon, then turn your attention to the canyons that channel water toward the ocean. Come explore new trails in Zuma and Trancas Canyons, or visit familiar sites for a sunset or early morning "mini-vacation." There are no summer "blahs" in the **Santa Monica Mountains and Seashore.**

REGULARLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

ARROYO SEQUIT PARK:
Open on weekends 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and weekdays for groups by reservation. Hiking trails and picnicking.

COLDWATER CANYON PARK:
TreePeople nursery is open Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 5:00 p.m. Information on landscaping. Smog and drought resistant plants for sale. 818-769-2663. TP

LEO CARRILLO STATE BEACH:
Campfire program and nature walks available. Check bulletin boards for topic and location. $3.00 day use parking. 213-457-4665 or 805-488-5223 CSP

LOS ENCINOS STATE HISTORIC PARK:
Park is open Wednesday through Sunday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tours of the 1849 adobe are available between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., other times by reservation. Tour fees are $0.50 for adults, $0.25 for children, free for children under 6 years old. Extremely limited parking. 818-784-4849 or 818-706-1310 CSP LED

MALIBU CREEK STATE PARK:
Park is open daily. Visitor Center is open on Saturdays and Sundays. $2.00 day use parking. 818-706-8809 or 818-706-1310 CSP MCD

MALIBU LAGOON STATE BEACH:
Tours of the Adamson House and grounds are offered by reservation only. Tours can be reserved for Tuesdays or Thursdays in the mornings or afternoons. Saturday tours are only offered in the morning. $3.00 parking. 213-456-8432 CSP MLD

PETER STRAUSS RANCH (LAKE ENCHANTO):
Park is open the first and third weekends of every month from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. History tours on Saturdays, art exhibits continuous. Free parking. 818-706-8380 SMMC FPSR

POINT MUGU STATE PARK:
Park open daily. Check bulletin boards for program information. $3.00 day use parking. 805-488-5223 CSP.

RANCHO SIERRA VISTA/SATWIWA:
Park is open daily. Native American Indian Culture Center is open Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with exhibits and informal talks on Indian life and culture. 818-888-3770 or 805-499-4101 NPS

ROCKY OAKS:
Park is open daily. Docent-led nature walks. See calendar for details. 818-789-3456 or 818-888-3770 NPS TCD

SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS NATIONAL RECREATION AREA:
Visitor Information Center in National Park Service Headquarters is open Monday through Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Information on parks in the Santa Monica Mountains and other national parks. 818-888-3770 NPS

TOPANGA STATE PARK:
Park is open daily. Easy nature walks. See calendar for details. $2.00 parking inside the park. 818-789-3456 or 818-706-1310

WILL ROGERS STATE HISTORIC PARK:
Park is open daily. Film on Will Rogers, self-guiding audio tour of the house, park hosts available 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Polo matches Saturdays at 2:00 p.m. and Sundays at 10:00 a.m., weather permitting. $2.00 parking. 213-454-8212 CSP

HIKING WITH BABIES:

Special programs for families with infants, toddlers or pre-school aged children are presented by several community organizations. These outings introduce the children and their parents to the wonders of the natural surroundings of the Santa Monica Mountains in safe, organized walks. Parks throughout the mountains are used by various groups for their programs. Select the group and/or site you want, and telephone for schedules and reservations.

California Native Plant Society (various sites)	(213) 397-8973
Malibu Creek State Park Docents (Malibu Creek)	(818) 706-8809
Mountains Restoration Trust/Cold Creek docents (Calabasas area)	(213) 456-5625
North Valley YMCA (various sites)	(818) 365-3231
Palisades-Malibu YMCA (Temescal) Canyon and other sites, bilingual Spanish/English walks)	(213) 454-5591
Topanga Canyon Docents (Topanga State Park, Peter Strauss Ranch, Rocky Oaks)	(818) 789-3456
Will Rogers State Park Docents (Will Rogers State Park)	(213) 454-8212
William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom (Franklin Canyon Ranch and Reservoir)	(213) 858-3834

THURSDAY, JULY 3

4:00 pm **FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:** "Babes In The Woods."
R This walk is for babies (3 years and under) and their parents. **Reservations required**. (213) 858-3834. 2 hours.

FRIDAY, JULY 4

8:00 am **RANCHO SIERRA VISTA/SATWIWA:** "Have a Cool Visit" Ranger will be located at the kiosk in the parking lot giving out maps and ideas on some cool locations to hike and picnic this summer. 2 hours.

SATURDAY, JULY 5

8:00 am **FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:** "Incredible Edibles" A look at Franklin Canyon's native and exotic plants. We will discuss poisons, edibles, Indian uses and adaptations to fire. 2 hours.

8:00 am **UPPER FRANKLIN CANYON:** "Feathered Residents" Walk through the chaparral of upper Franklin Canyon to observe the birds. Bring binoculars if you have them. 2 hours.

9:00 am **FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:** "Babes In The Woods."
R This walk is for babies (3 years and under) and their parents. **Reservations required**. (213) 858-3834. 2 hours.

9:30 am **LEO CARRILLO STATE BEACH:** "Natural High" Bring water and enjoy a nature hike with a ranger. Meet at campground entrance station. 2½ hours.

R **Make reservations for this program through its sponsor.**

MONDAY, JULY 7

9:00 am R **FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:** "Babes In The Woods." This walk is for babies (3 years and under) and their parents. **Reservations required**. (213) 858-3834. 2 hours.

THURSDAY, JULY 10

9:00 am R **FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:** "Babes In The Woods." This walk is for babies (3 years and under) and their parents. **Reservations required**. (213) 858-3834. 2 hours.

FRIDAY, JULY 11

8:30 am **CHARMLEE COUNTY REGIONAL PARK:** "Where the Desert Meets the Sea" Easy paced walk focusing on the unique geography of the Santa Monica Mountains. 2 hours.

SATURDAY, JULY 12

9:00 am R **ROCKY OAKS:** "Find Your Way" Learn basic skills in map reading and compass use on an easy paced walk and activity. Bring your compass if you have one. Ranger led. 2 hours. **Reservations Required**. (818) 888-3770.

4:30 pm **RANCHO SIERRA VISTA/SATWIWA:** "Brush Fires: Good and Evil" Join a ranger for a two part program describing fire ecology in the Santa Monica Mountains. We will meet in the classroom first and then go for a walk on the trail. Wear hiking shoes. 2 hours.

7:00 pm **FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:** "Sunset Saunter" A slow paced uphill hike. Enjoy the beauty and learn about the chaparral during sunset hours. Ranger led. 2 hours.

SUNDAY, JULY 13

8:00 am **MALIBU LAGOON STATE BEACH:** "Wetland Ecology" Learn about the plants and animals of our local wetlands, how they interact, and why wetlands are important. 2 hours.

9:00 am R **FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:** "Babes In The Woods." This walk is for babies (3 years and under) and their parents. **Reservations required**. (213) 858-3834. 2 hours.

5:00 pm **PARAMOUNT RANCH** "Western Town Tour" Learn about the history of Western Town and Paramount Pictures, film techniques and how movies affect our lives. Ranger led. Bring a camera! 1½ hours.

MONDAY, JULY 14

9:00 am R **FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:** "Babes In The Woods." This walk is for babies (3 years and under) and their parents. **Reservations required**. (213) 858-3834. 2 hours.

THURSDAY, JULY 17

4:00 pm R **FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:** "Babes In The Woods." This walk is for babies (3 years and under) and their parents. **Reservations required**. (213) 858-3834. 2 hours.

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SATURDAY, JULY 19

8:30 am **MALIBU LAGOON STATE BEACH:** "Summer Wetlands" Learn about the breeding and summering birds of coastal wetlands. A birdwalk led by a volunteer naturalist. Binoculars recommended. Bring water and snack. 3-4 hours.

9:00 am **FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:** "Babes In The Woods."
R This walk is for babies (3 years and under) and their parents. **Reservations required.** (213) 858-3834. 2 hours.

10:00 am **FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:** "Map and Compass" Come to Franklin Canyon Ranch and learn the art of map and compass reading. Bring a compass if you have one. 2 hours.

7:00 pm **CHARMLEE COUNTY REGIONAL PARK:** "Moonlight
R Ride in Charmlee" Take a ride in the cool of twilight and watch the sunset as the moon rises. Bring your own horse. **Reservations Required.** (213) 467-7247. 1½ hours.

SUNDAY, JULY 20

8:00 am **FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:** "Mountains Adaptations" Learn about the changing features of Franklin Canyon. 2 hours.

7:00 pm **CHARMLEE COUNTY REGIONAL PARK:** "Set Your Own Pace Run" Come for a nature run along the trails. The run includes stops along the way to view the coastline and Channel Islands. 1 hour.

7:00 pm **RANCHO SIERRA VISTA/SATWIWA:** "Nightlife" Hike from the parking lot to a natural area and bring a snack for a light picnic by the pond. 1½ hours.

8:30 pm **FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:** "Full Moon Hike" Enjoy a full moon hike in Franklin Canyon. Hike from the bottom of the canyon to the ridge for a fantasitc view of the city of Los Angeles. 2 hours.

MONDAY, JULY 21

2:00 pm **MALIBU LAGOON STATE BEACH:** "Babes at the
R Beach." This walk is for children (3 years and under) and their parents. **Reservations required.** (213) 858-3834. 2 hours.

TUESDAY, JULY 22

7:30 am **LEO CARRILLO STATE BEACH:** "The Marine Scene" Join a park ranger on an early morning tidepool walk. Don's miss the lowest tide of the month! Meet at lifeguard tower #2. 1½ hours.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

4:00 pm **FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:** "Babes In The Woods."
R This walk is for babies (3 years and under) and their parents. **Reservations required.** (213) 858-3834. 2 hours.

6:30 pm **CASTRO CREST:** "Where Do Mountains Come From" Walk along the crest of the mountains at dusk and learn about local geology. **Reservations Required.** (818) 888-3770.

FRIDAY, JULY 25

9:00 am **FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:** "Babes In The Woods."
R This walk is for babies (3 years and under) and their parents. **Reservations required.** (213) 858-3834. 2 hours.

7:00 pm **FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:** "Sunset Saunter" A slow paced uphill hike. Enjoy the beauty and learn about the chaparral during sunset hours. Ranger led. 2 hours.

SATURDAY, JULY 26

7:30 am **CHARMLEE COUNTY REGIONAL PARK:** "Bird Watchers Walk" Join us for an early morning outing to see what birds are active. Bring binoculars. Docent led. 2 hours.

8:00 am **FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:** "Mountains for All Your Senses" See, hear, smell, taste and touch the natural wonders of Franklin Canyon in all its diverse beauty. 2 hours.

4:30 pm **RANCHO SIERRA VISTA-POINT MUGU:** "Let's Ride A Bicycle Built for One" Bring your own mountain bicycle for a ride with a ranger. Discuss the do's and don'ts of riding in the Santa Monica Mountains. Learn about the plants and animals, too. 2 hours.

SUNDAY, JULY 27

9:00 am **FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:** "Conditioning Hike" Come join a docent led hike for some exercise and fresh air in Franklin Canyon. Wear comfortable shoes. 2 hours.

4:00 pm **R** **FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:** "Babes In The Woods." This walk is for babies (3 years and under) and their parents. **Reservations required**. (213) 858-3834. 2 hours.

6:30 pm **ROCKY OAKS:** "Footprints From Yesterday" Children's program focusing on legends and lore of the Native Americans who once resided in the Santa Monica Mountains. Ranger led. 1½ hours.

MONDAY, JULY 28

9:00 am **R** **FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:** "Babes In The Woods." This walk is for babies (3 years and under) and their parents. **Reservations required**. (213) 858-3834. 2 hours.

THURSDAY, JULY 31

4:00 pm **R** **FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:** "Babes In The Woods." This walk is for babies (3 years and under) and their parents. **Reservations required**. (213) 858-3834. 2 hours.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

9:00 am **RANCHO SIERRA VISTA/SATWIWA:** "Our National Parks" Ranger will give information about different parks in the United States. Vacation buffs bring your questions. 1½ hours.

9:00 am **R** **FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:** "Babes In The Woods." This walk is for babies (3 years and under) and their parents. **Reservations required**. (213) 858-3834. 2 hours.

9:30 am **POINT MUGU STATE PARK:** "Mountain Shadows" Come explore the plant and animal communities and the human inhabitants that call this area home. Meet at campground entrance station. 2½ hours.

6:30 pm **CHEESEBORO CANYON:** "Chaparral Dusk" Walk through an oak-grassland canyon and observe the changes as darkness falls. Ranger led. 2 hours.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

8:00 am **FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:** "Chaparral Lifecycles" Learn about the interrelationships of plants and animals in the chaparral. Discover why fire is necessary and how plants and animals adapt to it. 2 hours.

8:00 am **RANCHO SIERRA VISTA-POINT MUGU:** "Do You Have Your Wheels?" Bring a mountain bicycle for a ride with a ranger. Discuss the do's and don'ts of riding in the Santa Monica Mountains. Learn about the plants and animals, too. 2 hours.

8:30 am **CASTRO CREST:** "Planet Pressures" Walk a portion of the Backbone Trail with a ranger as we unfold the geological story of the Santa Monica Mountains. Bring water. 2½ hours.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

9:30 am **RANCHO SIERRA VISTA/SATWIWA:** "Reflections" learn about plant and animal adaptions. 2½ hours.

4:00 pm R **FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:** "Babes In The Woods." This walk is for babies (3 years and under) and their parents. **Reservations required**. (213) 858-3834. 2 hours.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

4:00 pm R **FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:** "Babes In The Woods." This walk is for babies (3 years and under) and their parents. **Reservations required**. (213) 858-3834. 2 hours.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

7:30 am **CHARMLEE COUNTY REGIONAL PARK:** "Bird Watchers Walk" Join us for an early morning stroll to see what birds are active. Bring binoculars. Docent led. 2 hours.

7:00 pm **FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:** "Sunset Saunter" A slow paced uphill hike. Enjoy the beauty and learn about the chaparral during sunset hours. Ranger led. 2 hours.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

8:00 am **MALIBU LAGOON STATE BEACH:** "Wetland Ecology" Learn about the plants and animals of our local wetlands, how they interact, and why wetlands are important. 2 hours.

9:00 am **FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:** "Conditioning Walk" Come join a docent led hike for some exercise and fresh air in Franklin Canyon. Wear comfortable shoes. 2 hours.

9:00 am R **FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:** "Babes In The Woods." This walk is for babies (3 years and under) and their parents. **Reservations required**. (213) 858-3834. 2 hours.

5:00 pm **PARAMOUNT RANCH:** "Western Town Tour" Learn about the history of Western Town and Paramount Pictures, film techniques and how movies affect our lives. Ranger led. Bring a camera! 1½ hours.

MONDAY, AUGUST 11

9:00 am **FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:** "Babes In The Woods."
R This walk is for babies (3 years and under) and their parents. **Reservations required.** (213) 858-3834. 2 hours.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

6:00 pm **LEO CARRILLO STATE BEACH:** "Coyote: The Man" Come and learn about the Native Americans that called the mountains home. Meet at campground entrance station. 2½ hours.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

9:00 am **FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:** "Babes In The Woods."
R This walk is for babies (3 years and under) and their parents. **Reservations required.** (213) 858-3834. 2 hours.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

8:30 am **RANCHO SIERRA VISTA:** "Parade Readiness" Children of all ages wear your grubbies and come help a ranger prepare horses and equipment for a parade. Surry rides for your effort. Bring lunch. 3 hours.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

8:00 am **FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:** "Singles Adventure Hike" Early morning aerobic hike up, down and around Franklin Canyon. Distance hike at moderate pace utilizing five senses along the way. 2 hours.

8:30 am **MALIBU LAGOON STATE BEACH:** "Good Terns" Learn about six species of terns that can be seen here now. See other birds as well. Led by a volunteer naturalist. Binoculars recommended. Bring water and snack. 3-4 hours.

9:00 am **FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:** "Babes In The Woods."
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10:00 am **FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:** "Map and Compass" Come to Franklin Canyon Ranch and learn the art of map and compass reading. Bring a compass if you have one. 2 hours.

6:30 pm **CHARMLEE COUNTY REGIONAL PARK:** "Moonlight
R Ride in Charmlee" Take a ride in the cool of twilight and watch the sunset as the moon rises. Bring your own horse. **Reservations Required.** Docent led. (213) 467-7247. 1½ hours.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

8:00 am **FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:** "Sights and Sounds" A casual morning hike to observe the beauty of the chaparral and wildlife. Ranger led. 2 hours.

8:00 am **RANCHO SIERRA VISTA/SATWIWA:** "Brush Fires: Good and Evil" Join a ranger for a two part program describing fire ecology in the Santa Monica Mountains. We will meet in the classroom first and then go for a walk on the trail. Wear hiking shoes. 2 hours.

6:00 pm **CHARMLEE COUNTY REGIONAL PARK:** "Photography at Sunset" Bring your camera and capture and essence of nature among the rocks, rolling hills, and ocean vistas of Charmlee Park. Docent led. 1½ hours.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

2:00 pm R **MALIBU LAGOON STATE BEACH:** "Babes at the Beach." This walk is for children (3 years and under) and their parents. **Reservations required.** (213) 858-3834. 2 hours.

7:30 pm **CHARMLEE COUNTY REGIONAL PARK:** "Spirit Lights" Bring a snack and water and enjoy the August moon on a hike with a ranger. Meet in parking area. 2½ hours.

8:00 pm **FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:** "Moonlight Hike" Enjoy a full moon hike in Franklin Canyon. Hike from the bottom of the canyon to the ridge for fantastic views of Los Angeles. 2 hours.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

4:00 pm R **FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:** "Babes In The Woods." This walk is for babies (3 years and under) and their parents. **Reservations required.** (213) 858-3834. 2 hours.

7:00 pm **ROCKY OAKS:** "Evening Life" Take a walk around the pond trail as the sun sets to observe and hear the night creatures. No flashlights please! 2 hours.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

8:30 am **CHARMLEE COUNTY REGIONAL PARK:** "Where the Desert Meets the Sea" Easy paced walk focusing on the unique geography of the Santa Monica Mountains. 2 hours.

6:30 pm **LA PIEDRA STATE BEACH:** "Sundown Serendipity" Come explore this rocky shoreline at dusk with a ranger. Learn about the plants and animals of the coastal strand. Meet in parking lot. 1½ hours.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

6:30 pm **FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:** "Sunset Saunter" A slow paced uphill hike. Enjoy the beauty and learn about the chaparral during sunset hours. Ranger led. 2 hours.

R **Make reservations for this program through its sponsor.**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

8:00 am **FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:** "Mountain Adaptations" Learn about the changing features of Franklin Canyon. 2 hours.

8:30 am R **TRANCAS CANYON:** "Eco Exploration" Walk by a creek under the shade of oaks and sycamores in upper Trancas Canyon. **Reservations Required.** 2 hours. (818) 888-3770.

12:00 pm **PARAMOUNT RANCH:** "Santa Monica Mountains Folklife Festival" An afternoon of music and dance reflecting the ethnic and cultural mosaic of the region. Bring a blanket for sitting on the grass. 5 hours.

4:00 pm R **FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:** "Babes In The Woods." This walk is for babies (3 years and under) and their parents. **Reservations required.** (213) 858-3834. 2 hours.

MONDAY, AUGUST 25

4:00 pm **FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:** "Babes In The Woods."
R This walk is for babies (3 years and under) and their parents. **Reservations required.** (213) 858-3834. 2 hours.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

9:30 am **ROCKY OAKS:** "The World Between" Enjoy the natural and cultural resources of this area. 2½ hours.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

9:00 am **FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:** "Babes In The Woods."
R This walk is for babies (3 years and under) and their parents. **Reservations required.** (213) 858-3834. 2 hours.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

9:00 am **ZUMA/TRANCAS CANYON:** "Uncommon Ground"
R Come and explore this seldom seen portion of the mountains. **Reservations Required.** (818) 888-3770. 2½ hours.

6:30 pm **ROCKY OAKS:** "Sleep by Day, Hunt by Night" Children's program focusing on the nocturnal animals of the mountains. Ranger led. Come early and bring a picnic dinner. 1 hour.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

9:00 am **FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:** "Babes In The Woods."
R This walk is for babies (3 years and under) and their parents. **Reservations required.** (213) 858-3834. 2 hours.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

5:30 pm **LEO CARRILLO STATE BEACH:** "The First People" Learn about the plant and animal adaptations to the local environment. Meet at campground entrance station. 2½ hours.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

9:00 am **FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:** "Babes In The Woods."
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

8:30 am **RANCHO SIERRA VISTA/SATWIWA:** "Prescription Burn" Examine an old stand of chaparral as another fire season begins in southern California. Learn the reason for prescription burning on a 3 mile walk. Bring water. 1½ hours.

9:00 am **FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:** "Babes In The Woods."
R This walk is for babies (3 years and under) and their parents. **Reservations required.** (213) 858-3834. 2 hours.

6:30 pm **CASTRO CREST:** "Sunset View" Join a ranger for a walk to gain a panoramic view of the Santa Monica Mountains at sunset. 2 hours.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

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9:00 am **CHARMLEE COUNTY REGIONAL PARK:** "Set Your Own Pace Run" Come for a nature run along the trails. The run includes stops along the way to view the coastline and Channel Islands. docent led. 1 hour.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

9:30 am **ROCKY OAKS:** "Ancient Ones" Learn about the archeology of the Santa Monica Mountains. 2½ hours.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

4:00 pm **FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:** "Babes In The Woods." **R** This walk is for babies (3 years and under) and their parents. **Reservations required**. (213) 858-3834. 2 hours.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

9:30 am **CHARMLEE COUNTY REGIONAL PARK:** "Fire!" Learn about the local environment and its adaptations to fire. 2½ hours.

6:00 pm **FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:** "Sunset Saunter" A slow paced uphill hike. Enjoy the beauty and learn about the chaparral during sunset hours. Ranger led. 2 hours.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

8:30 am **RANCHO SIERRA VISTA/SATWIWA:** "Streamside Stroll" Enjoy a moderate 4½ mile hike into upper Sycamore Canyon. Examine a stream community and its habitats. Bring water. Ranger led. 3 hours.

9:00 am **FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:** "Babes In The Woods." **R** This walk is for babies (3 years and under) and their parents. **Reservations required**. (213) 858-3834. 2 hours.

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7:00 pm **LEO CARRILLO STATE BEACH:** "Crystals in the Sky" Enjoy a moonlight hike with a ranger. Bring a snack and meet at the campground entrance station. 2½ hours.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

2:00 pm **MALIBU LAGOON STATE BEACH:** "Babes at the **R** Beach." This walk is for children (3 years and under) and their parents. **Reservations required**. (213) 858-3834. 2 hours.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

2:00 pm **MALIBU LAGOON STATE BEACH:** "Babes at the **R** Beach." This walk is for children (3 years and under) and their parents. **Reservations required**. (213) 858-3834. 2 hours.

6:00 pm **EL MATADOR STATE BEACH:** "Deep Denizen Dwellers" Join a ranger at sunset to find out about the animals of the kelp beds and beyond. Family walk along the shoreline. 1½ hours.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

8:00 am **FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:** "Chaparral Lifecycles" Learn about the interrelationships of plants and animals in the chaparral. Discover why fire is necessary and how plants and animals adapt to it. 2 hours.

8:30 am **MALIBU LAGOON STATE BEACH:** "Southward Passage" See the young birds born last spring (and their parents) as they move to warmer climates to spend the winter. Led by a volunteer naturalist. Binoculars recommended. Bring water and snack. 3-4 hours.

9:00 am **R** **MALIBU SPRINGS:** "Living Laboratory" Come and hike this pretty spot and learn about plant life and more. Please wear long pants due to thick vegetation. **Reservations Required**. 2 hours. (818) 888-3770.

4:00 pm **R** **FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:** "Babes In The Woods." This walk is for babies (3 years and under) and their parents. **Reservations required**. (213) 858-3834. 2 hours.

7:00 pm **RANCHO SIERRA VISTA/SATWIWA:** "Coyote" Stories will be told around a campfire about coyote—the animal, his habits and his habitat. Bring flashlights. 2 hours.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

7:30 am **R** **PARAMOUNT RANCH:** "Outdoor Sketching: Western Town" Learn basic outdoor sketch techniques for structures. Bring a large pad and drawing utensils, as well as comfortable seating. Ranger led. **Reservations Required**. (818) 888-3770. 2 hours.

10:00 am **FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:** "Conditioning Hike" come join a docent led hike for some exercise and fresh air in Franklin Canyon. Wear comfortable shoes. 2 hours.

4:00 pm **R** **PARAMOUNT RANCH:** "Training for Search and Rescue" Would your dog be good at searching for lost persons? Join NPS and members of the California Rescue Dog Association to learn how to get involved in this time-consuming hobby. **Reservations Required**. (818) 888-3770. 2 hours.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

9:00 am **R** **FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:** "Babes In The Woods." This walk is for babies (3 years and under) and their parents. **Reservations required**. (213) 858-3834. 2 hours.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

5:00 pm **POINT MUGU STATE PARK:** "Natural High" Bring water and enjoy a nature hike with a ranger. Meet at campground entrance station. 2½ hours.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

4:00 pm **R** **FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:** "Babes In The Woods." This walk is for babies (3 years and under) and their parents. **Reservations required**. (213) 858-3834. 2 hours.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

6:00 pm **FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:** "Sunset Saunter" A slow paced uphill hike. Enjoy the beauty and learn about the chaparral during sunset hours. Ranger led. 2 hours.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

9:00 am R **TRANCAS CANYON:** "Fire on the Mountain" Learn how animals of the chaparral cope with fire on a moderate 2½ mile walk. Bring water. **Reservations Required.** (818) 888-3770. 2½ hours.

9:30 am **RANCHO SIERRA VISTA/SATWIWA:** "Momoy" Bring water and enjoy a hike with a ranger. 2½ hours.

10:00 am **FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:** "Map and Compass" come to Franklin Canyon Ranch and learn the art of map and compass reading. Bring a compass if you have one. 2 hours.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

7:00 am R **RANCHO SIERRA VISTA-POINT MUGU:** "Boney Mountain or Bust" Sign up for this trek up Boney Mountain. Climb from 700 ft. to 3100 ft. Wear sturdy shoes, bring lunch and water. **Reservations Required.** Limited to 10. (818) 888-3770. 8 hours.

4:00 pm R **FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:** "Babes In The Woods." This walk is for babies (3 years and under) and their parents. **Reservations required.** (213) 858-3834. 2 hours.

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VOLUNTEERS ARE INVOLVED:

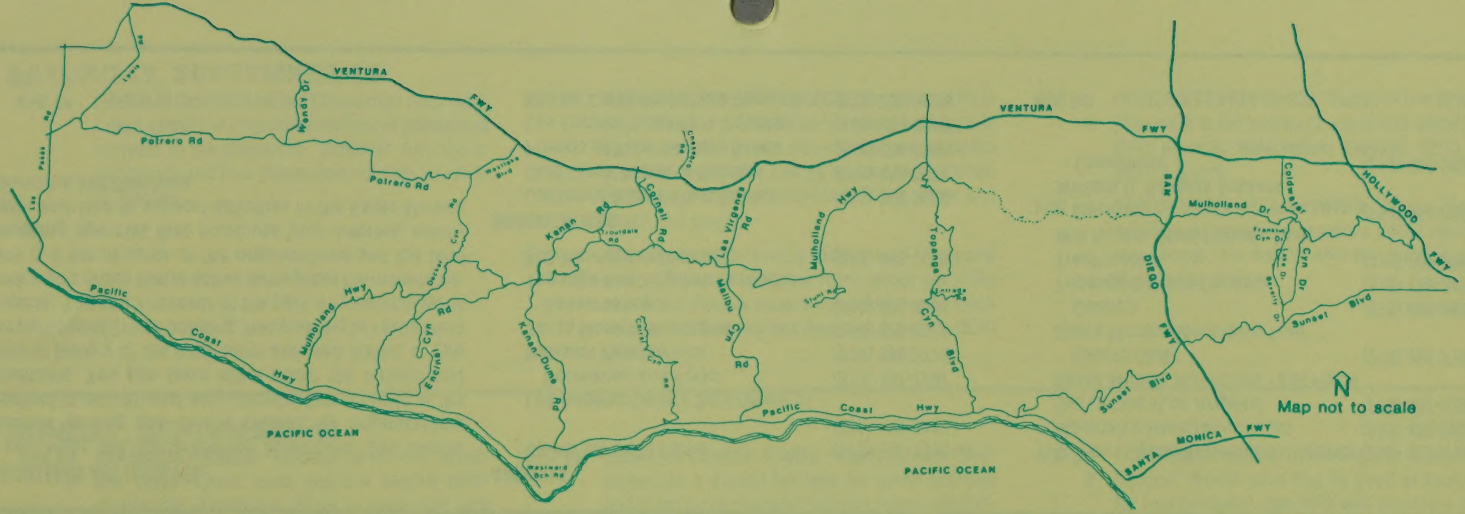
If you enjoy the Santa Monica Mountains, you should consider joining one of the community organizations involved in educational and conservation projects in the mountains. You can learn more about the natural and cultural history of the mountains and lead walks, or you can participate in trail building, tree planting or restoration projects. You can volunteer at the park of your choice, or work with a group that is active throughout the mountains. Here is a list of some of the organizations and the land managing agencies that could use your interest, enthusiasm and time to support activities in the Santa Monica Mountains and Seashore.

AGENCIES

California State Parks	(818) 706-1310 or (805) 499-2112
Los Angeles County Department of Recreation and Parks	(213) 457-7247
National Park Service	(818) 888-3770
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy	(213) 620-2021 or (818) 706-8380
Topanga-Las Virgenes Resource Conservation District	(213) 455-1030

ORGANIZATIONS

California Native Plant Society	(818) 348-5910
Cold Creek Preserve Docents	(213) 456-5627
Friends of Peter Strauss Ranch	(818) 706-8380
Los Encinos State Park Docents	(818) 784-4849
Malibu Creek State Park Docents	(818) 706-8809
Malibu Lagoon State Beach Docents	(213) 456-8432
Mountains Restoration Trust	(213) 456-5627
Sierra Club (Los Angeles)	(213) 387-4287
Santa Monica Mountains Task Force (Sierra Club)	(213) 397-7140
Santa Monica Mountains Trail Council	(818) 888-9830
Topanga Canyon Docents	(818) 789-3456
TreePeople	(818) 769-2663
Will Rogers State Historic Park Docents	(213) 454-8212
William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom	(213) 858-3834



PARKS IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS AND SEASHORE

ARROYO SEQUIT PARK:
34138 Mulholland Hwy., Malibu. Pacific Coast Highway to Mulholland Highway. Turn inland on Mulholland, 6 miles to park entrance on right side of road. Day use, weekends only.

CASTRO CREST:
Pacific Coast Highway to Corral Canyon Road (just west of Malibu Canyon Road). Follow Corral Canyon Road to the end and park on the wide dirt area.

CHARMLEE COUNTY REGIONAL PARK:
Pacific Coast Highway, approximately 3 miles south of Ventura County line. Turn inland on Encinal Canyon Road, 4 miles to park entrance on left side of road. Park is open 8:00 a.m. to sunset daily.

LA PIEDRA STATE BEACH:
Pacific Coast Highway in Malibu. Parking lot on ocean side of the road, 100' west of Encinal Canyon Road. $3.00 parking.

LEO CARRILLO STATE BEACH:
Pacific Coast Highway at Ventura County Line. $3.00 day use parking.

LOS ENCINOS STATE HISTORIC PARK:
16756 Moorpark St., Encino. Ventura Freeway to Balboa exit. West on Balboa to Moorpark. Turn left ¼ mile. Park is on right side of street. Park is open Wednesday – Sunday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Extremely limited parking.

ROCKY OAKS:
Ventura Freeway to Kanan Road. South on Kanan to Mulholland Highway. Turn west (right) on Mulholland and right again into the parking lot. Pacific Coast Highway to Kanan-Dume Road. North to Mulholland Highway. Turn west (left) and right into the parking lot. Free parking.

STUNT HIGH TRAIL:
Ventura Highway to Topanga Canyon Boulevard, south to Mulholland Drive. Turn west (right). At Mulholland Highway, turn left. Drive approximately 5 miles to Stunt Road. Turn left and drive 1 mile to "Stunt High Trail" sign. Park on the wide dirt area on the right side of the road.

COLD CREEK CANYON PRESERVE:
Ventura Freeway to Topanga Canyon Blvd., south to Mulholland Drive. Turn west (right) ¼ mile. At Mulholland Highway, turn left. Drive approximately 5 miles to Stunt Road. Turn left and drive to Preserve entrance on the left. Parking information given with confirmation of tour reservations.

COLDWATER CANYON PARK:
Ventura Freeway to the Coldwater Canyon exit. South to the intersection of Mulholland Drive. Entrance is on the left side of the intersection.

DIAMOND X RANCH:
Ventura Freeway to Las Virgenes Road, south to Mulholland Highway. Turn east (left) on Mulholland and drive .8 miles. Look for brown "Diamond X" sign and turn right at the sign. Follow the lane to the white fenced horse pasture and ranch house. From Pacific Coast Highway, drive north on Malibu Canyon Road to Mulholland Highway, turn east (right) on Mulholland and proceed as above.

EL MATADOR STATE BEACH:
Pacific Coast Highway in Malibu. Parking lot on ocean side of road, ½ mile east of Encinal Canyon Road. $3.00 parking.

FRANKLIN CANYON RANCH:
From Ventura Freeway drive south on Coldwater Canyon Drive, to Beverly Drive, (Beverly Hills Fire Station #2). Turn right onto Beverly Drive and go 1 mile to Franklin Canyon Drive. Turn right, 1.5 miles to Lake Drive. Turn right and drive to the ranch house at the end of Lake Drive. From Sunset Boulevard turn north onto Beverly Drive. Go up Beverly Drive following the sign "to Coldwater Canyon Drive," turn left at the Beverly Hills Fire Station #2 and proceed as above.

MALIBU CREEK STATE PARK:
Ventura Freeway to Las Virgenes Road. South on Las Virgenes 3 miles to Mulholland Highway intersection (traffic light). Park entrance is ¼ mile south of the intersection on Las Virgenes/Malibu Canyon Road. North on Malibu Canyon Road to park entrance. $2.00 day use parking.

MALIBU LAGOON STATE BEACH:
Pacific Coast Highway ¼ mile west of Malibu Pier and 2 miles east of Las Virgenes Road. Parking lot on ocean side of Pacific Coast Highway. $3.00 parking.
Adamson House (23200 Pacific Coast Highway). From the parking lot, walk on the sidewalk along Pacific Coast Highway 80 yards east to the entrance to the grounds.

PARAMOUNT RANCH:
Ventura Freeway to Kanan Road exit. South on Kanan ¾ mile. Left on Sideway and right on Cornell Road. South 2½ miles, entrance on right side of road.

PETER STRAUSS RANCH (LAKE ENCHANTO):
Ventura Freeway to Kanan Road exit. South on Kanan Road 2.8 miles to Troutdale Road. Left on Troutdale to Mulholland Highway. Turn left on Mulholland and then right under the arch into the parking lot. Walk back across the bridge on Mulholland and enter the gate into the ranch.

POINT MUGU STATE PARK:
Pacific Coast Highway 4 miles west of Ventura County line. Enter the park at Sycamore Canyon Campground. $3.00 day use parking.

RANCHO SIERRA VISTA/SATWIWA:
Ventura Freeway to Wendy exit in Newbury Park. South on Wendy to Potrero road. Right on Potrero to the park entrance, directly across from Pinehill Road. Free parking.

TOPANGA STATE PARK:
South from Ventura Freeway or north from Pacific Coast Highway on Topanga Canyon Blvd. to Entrada Road. Turn east on Entrada and make two more left turns to stay on Entrada to the park entrance. $2.00 parking.

TOPANGA-LAS VIRGENES RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT:
Headquarters at 112 N. Topanga Canyon Blvd., Topanga, Ventura Freeway to Topanga Canyon Blvd. south, or Pacific Coast Highway to Topanga Canyon, inland. Drive to intersection of Topanga Canyon Blvd. and Old Topanga Canyon Road.

TAPIA COUNTY PARK:
Pacific Coast Highway to Malibu Canyon Road. Inland 3 miles to park entrance on left (west) side of road. From Ventura Freeway, Las Virgenes exit, south 5 miles to the park.

WILDERNESS INSTITUTE:
22900 Ventura Blvd., Woodland Hills. Ventura Freeway to Fallbrook or Woodlake exits. Follow signs for SMMNRA Information Office. Use Gomeres Street entrance to the building. Office is on the right.

WILL ROGERS STATE HISTORIC PARK:
14253 Sunset Blvd., Pacific Palisades. Pacific Coast Highway to Sunset Blvd. Inland 8 miles on Sunset, watch for entrance signs on left side of road. $2.00 parking.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE HEADQUARTERS:
22900 Ventura Blvd., Woodland Hills. Ventura Freeway to Fallbrook or Woodlake exits. Follow signs for SMMNRA Information Office. Use Ventura Blvd. entrance.

CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS AREA OFFICE:
2860A Camino dos Rios, Newbury Park. Ventura Freeway to Wendy exit. Right on Camino Dos Rios. Office is in the first cluster of stores on the right.

The National Park Service has an Information Center in its headquarters at 22900 Ventura Boulevard in Woodland Hills. The Information Center staff can answer questions about parks and programs in the Santa Monica Mountains, as well as on national parks throughout the United States. They know all about lodging reservations, backcountry permits and Golden passports. They are linked with the Ticketron Reservation System for campgrounds in Yosemite, Sequoia, and Grand Canyon National Parks.

While you are in the Information Center, browse through the publication sales area. You'll find books for the whole family about national parks, Native Americans and natural history. You can also purchase topographic maps for any part of the Santa Monica Mountains. All sales support educational programs in the recreation area.

The Information Center is open Monday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The telephone number is (818) 888-3770. For a taped park information message, call (818) 710-9488 any time.

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